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Re: GN Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Bogalusa Chamber of Commerce, located in Washington Parish, Louisiana-- I am asking for your support of the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile in order to provide an expansion of the broadband service to our mostly rural parish. The possibility of having 4G service for our businesses and industries would greatly help in enhancing economic growth and job creation in our otherwise not-easy-to-access area; we are almost an hour away from any interstate and have been adversely affected in many ways by this inaccessibility.

Our Chamber is made up of nearly 250 businesses, industries, professionals and individual citizens who band together to make our community a better and more prosperous place to work and to live—we welcome any efforts to improve our place in the growth of the business world of the 21st century. AT&T has a long history in our area, and we believe their commitment to investing billions in this combined network will provide the much needed internet options for the betterment of our lives.

Sincerely,

Marilyn G. Bateman
Executive Director

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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

On behalf of the citizens in District 3, I hope you will support the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile, which will better our district by providing greater access to educational opportunities and help small businesses compete.

Working as a state senator, I am confident that striving for economic development must be more than just a catchphrase; it must be the focus of everything that we do. We must aggressively pursue the development of homegrown industry and entrepreneurship while supporting the backbone of our existing economy, the small businesses. Especially over the past few years, we've seen the way the Internet can revolutionize existing business platforms and immediately grow markets of local business owners. With more and more Americans becoming increasingly dependent on their mobile devices, I believe initiatives that expand the breadth of wireless service will only help my district's entrepreneurs reach and connect with more clientele than ever before.

Secondly, everyone should have access to the best possible education—children and adults alike. Wireless broadband almost immediately gives students of all ages more options going beyond traditional educational endeavors. We should enhance student opportunities to enroll in programs promoting workforce training and coursework in universities and community colleges for our high school students. We must prepare our students for the highly skilled, well-paying jobs. And, with increased incentive to do business in our state, we will be able to retain more talent, demonstrating the virtuous cycle of economic opportunity and development this merger supports.

For these reasons, the transaction between T-Mobile and AT&T deserves your blessing. New Orleans is a world-renown city, and it deserves world-class wireless service.

Sincerely,



J. P. Morrell
State Senator – District 3

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